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The last WORDS and

CONFESSION

Of Marion Dalgliesh, *who was execute at* Edinburgh October 6th. 1703. *for Murdering her own Child.*

Her Age is 21 *Years, her Fathers Name is* William Dalgliesh, *Tennent to* Rickerton-Craige, *and her self late Servatrix to the Lady* Reidhall.

SHe acknowledges and confesses, that 19 Weeks ago, she brought forth a living Child in the House of *Reidhall*, and being possessed with an evil Spirit, and left of GOD; when the Child was born, she did put her Hand upon the Childs Mouth, and with her two middle Fingers gripped the Childs Nose, so that she smothered the Child. And a little thereafter she came down Stairs; It was supposed by all the Family, that she had a severe Cholick; she left the dead Child in her Bed; This being done upon the *Friday*, and upon the Sabbath-Day, she went to a Bog near the House of *Reidhal* and there did dig a hole & put the Child therein, without any cloths; and put a great many Stones above the Child. And also Confesses that she parted with another Child in the said house a year before, and both was to the Laird as she was a dying Woman, She acknowledges and confesses, that before she went to the house of *Reidhall*, she did part with a Child to her Master a certain Man, and her said Master did cause her steal several things for her own use, to content her & hinder her to Confess the same. And also she Confesses, that she was very full of Pride, alwise supposing that there was none like her self, and Laments very much that the Devil should have hardned her so sore, as after Confessing at *Reidhall* She also acknowledges, That she was a very great offender of GOD Every way: and is Guilty of a great many gross sins, *&c.*

The Ministers names that attended the Malefactor at the place of Execution are these, Mr. *Geo. Hamilton*, Mr. *Ja. Hart* Ministers in this place, and Mr. *Walter Allan* Minister of *Collington*, before whom she opened her Bible, and sung a part of the 103. *Psalm*, and was very penitent.

You see her Confession, if she had been ignorant, and could not read the Scriptures, I had reason to say the less, but only I may say with holy *Job*, Job 4. verse 8, *They that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.*

1. EVil words and deeds are like arrows shot on high, which lighting on the Shooters head, do wound his head, Look what measure Men mete to others, the same shal be measured to them again. *Mat.* 7.2. He that doth Evil, must needs receive Evil, for what a man soweth, that he shal reap. That meecilels Servant, who was forgiven the debt of 10000. *Talents*, and would not bear with his Fellow in an *hundred Pence* had the like cruelty shewed to him, being cast into Prison till he should pay the whole Debt, which he was never able to do. If a mans heart be set upon mischief, mischief shal light upon his own pate; self do, self have, Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. Such a blemish as he hath made in any, such shal be repayed to him: If *Adonibezek* cut off the Thumbs of the Hands and Feet of other Kings, his own, though a King, shal be cut off.

Do that therefore to others, which thou wouldest have done to thy self; Remember how *Jezebel* that fed on blood, fed Dogs with her blood; therefore do no evil though tho mightest, and when thou art tempted to do an evil work, think there is Satan where his business is, and therefore say thus to thy self, What shall I answer Christ at the day of Audit? if contrary to my knowledge, and conscience I shall do this wickedness.

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